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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, BIRDF  
BOG A. LAVIE, CHIEF SCIENTIST, MININDUSTRY TO U.S.  
GOVERNORS. QUOTE:

2. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED A REVIEW OF THE BIRDF ACTIVITIES  
WITH MR. BLACKMAN. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POINTS WHICH  
ARE NOT SATISFACTORY AND WHICH REQUIRE CONSIDERATION BY  
THE BOARD:

(A) THE INTENTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO  
APPROVE ONLY TEN PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.  
THIS COMPLETELY MISSES THE GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION.

(B) THE DELAY OF ONE YEAR IN APPROVAL OF THE FIRST  
SET OF PROJECTS, COMPARED TO THE TIMETABLE  
APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN RESOLUTION 15;

(C) THE LIST OF FORTY PROJECTS IN THE JUNE 3  
REPORT OF MR. BLACKMAN IS NO MORE RELIABLE

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THAN THE LIST OF EIGHTY PROJECTS WE HAD IN  
OCTOBER 1977;

(D) THE PROSPECT OF EXPENSES NOT FOR R&D  
PROJECTS OF MORE THAN US\$600,000 DURING 1978-  
1979, MOST OF WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE  
FORM OF DOLLARS LEAVING ISRAEL.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION I HAVE ASKED MR. BLACKMAN TO PREPARE A BUDGET AND RESEARCH PLAN AS STATED IN THE AGREEMENT, ARTICLE IV SECTION C(2), WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1978. THIS PLAN MUST INCLUDE A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING A LARGER NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAN NOW PROJECTED (THROUGH SMALLER GRANTS, USE OF LOANS, PROJECTS OF SHORTER DURATION, OR CONCENTRATING THE R&D IN ISRAEL WITH THE MARKETING BY THE U.S. PARTNER). THE PLAN MUST ALSO SHOW A DRASTICALLY REDUCED OPERATING BUDGET OF THE FOUNDATION WHICH WILL SHOW A MORE REASONABLE BALANCE BETWEEN ACTUAL GRANTS IN FORCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. THE CUT MUST BE IN ALL BUDGETARY ITEMS. PENDING RECEIPT OF THIS PLAN AND ITS APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNORS IN SEPTEMBER, I AM ASKING YOUR CONCURRENCE IN EXTENDING MR. BLACKMAN'S PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR TWO MONTHS, ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1978. I SUGGEST THAT WE EXCHANGE VIEWS FREQUENTLY BEFORE THE BOG MEETING (WHICH I URGE BE HELD AS SCHEDULED) SO AS TO REACH THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT DELAY.  
END QUOTE.

3. AMBASSADOR LEWIS WILL BE WRITING THE U.S. GOVERNORS SHORTLY WITH SOME FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE BIRDF.

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